

(3) A combustible liquid which does not sustain combustion is not subject to the requirements of this subchapter as a combustible liquid. Either the test method specified in ASTM 4206 or the procedure in Appendix H of this part may be used to determine if a material sustains combustion when heated under test conditions and exposed to an external source of flame.

(c) Flash point. (1) *Flash point* means the minimum temperature at which a liquid gives off vapor within a test vessel in sufficient concentration to form an ignitable mixture with air near the surface of the liquid. It shall be determined as follows:

(i) For a homogeneous, single-phase, liquid having a viscosity less than 45 S.U.S. at 38 °C (100 °F) that does not form a surface film while under test, one of the following test procedures shall be used:

(A) Standard Method of Test for Flash Point by Tag Closed Tester, (ASTM D 56);

(B) Standard Methods of Test for Flash Point of Liquids by Setaflash Closed Tester, (ASTM D 3278); or

(C) Standard Test Methods for Flash Point by Small Scale Closed Tester, (ASTM D 3828).

(ii) For a liquid other than one meeting all of the criteria of paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section, one of the following test procedures shall be used:

(A) Standard Method of Test for Flash Point by Pensky—Martens Closed Tester, (ASTM D 93). For cut-back asphalt, use Method B of ASTM D 93 or alternate tests authorized in this standard; or

(B) Standard Methods of Test for Flash Point of Liquids by Setaflash Closed Tester (ASTM D 3278).

(2) For a liquid that is a mixture of compounds that have different volatility and flash points, its flash point shall be determined as specified in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, on the material in the form in which it is to be shipped. If it is determined by this test that the flash point is higher than –7 °C (20 °F) a second test shall be made as follows: a portion of the mixture shall be placed in an open beaker (or similar container) of such dimensions that the height of the liquid can be adjusted so that the ratio of the vol-

ume of the liquid to the exposed surface area is 6 to one. The liquid shall be allowed to evaporate under ambient pressure and temperature (20 to 25 °C (68 to 77 °F)) for a period of 4 hours or until 10 percent by volume has evaporated, whichever comes first. A flash point is then run on a portion of the liquid remaining in the evaporation container and the lower of the two flash points shall be the flash point of the material.

(3) For flash point determinations by Setaflash closed tester, the glass syringe specified need not be used as the method of measurement of the test sample if a minimum quantity of 2 ml (0.1 ounce) is assured in the test cup.

(d) If experience or other data indicate that the hazard of a material is greater or less than indicated by the criteria specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety may revise the classification or make the material subject or not subject to the requirements of parts 170–189 of this subchapter.

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### § 173.121 Class 3—Assignment of packing group.

(a) The packing group of a Class 3 material is as assigned in Column 5 of the § 172.101 Table. When the § 172.101 Table provides more than one packing group for a hazardous material, the packing group shall be determined by applying the following criteria:

Packing group	Flash point (closed-cup)	Initial boiling point
I .....		≤35 °C (95 °F)
II .....	<23 °C (73 °F)	> °C (95 °F)
III .....	≥23 °C, ≤ 60.5°C (141°F)	> °C (95 °F)

(b) *Criteria for inclusion of viscous Class 3 materials in Packing Group III.*

(1) Viscous Class 3 materials in Packing Group II with a flash point of less than 23 °C (73 °F) may be grouped in Packing Group III provided that—

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(i) Less than 3 percent of the clear solvent layer separates in the solvent separation test;

(ii) The mixture contains not more than 5 percent of substances in Packing Group I or II of Division 6.1 or Class 8, or not more than 5 percent of substances in Packing Group I of Class 3 requiring a POISON or CORROSIVE subsidiary label (NOTE: The mixture is not necessarily required to bear a POISON or CORROSIVE subsidiary risk label.);

(iii) The capacity of the packaging is not more than 30 L (7.9 gallons); and

(iv) The viscosity and flash point are in accordance with the following table:

Flow time t in seconds	Jet diameter in mm	Flash point c.c.
20<≤60 .....	4	above 17°C (62.6°F).
60<≤100 .....	4	above 10°C (50°F).
20<≤32 .....	6	above 5°C (41°F).
32<≤44 .....	6	above – 1°C (31.2°F).
44<≤100 .....	6	above – 5°C (23°F).
100<t .....	6	– 5°C (23°F) and below.

(2) The methods by which the tests referred to in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be performed are as follows:

(i) *Viscosity test.* The flow time in seconds is determined at 23°C (73.4°F) using the ISO standard cup with a 4 mm (0.16 inch) jet (ISO 2431:1984). Where the flow time exceeds 100 seconds, a further test is carried out using the ISO standard cup with a 6 mm (0.24 inch) jet.

(ii) *Solvent Separation Test.* This test is carried out at 23 °C (73 °F) using a 100.0 ml (3 ounces) measuring cylinder of the stoppered type of approximately 25.0 cm (9.8 inches) total height and of a uniform internal diameter of approximately 30 mm (1.2 inches) over the calibrated section. The sample should be stirred to obtain a uniform consistency, and poured in up to the 100 ml (3 ounces) mark. The stopper should be inserted and the cylinder left standing undisturbed for 24 hours. After 24 hours, the height of the upper separated layer should be measured and the percentage of this layer as compared

with the total height of the sample calculated.

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**§ 173.124 Class 4, Divisions 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3—Definitions.**

(a) *Division 4.1 (Flammable Solid).* For the purposes of this subchapter, *flammable solid* (Division 4.1) means any of the following three types of materials:

(1) Desensitized explosives that—  
(i) When dry are Explosives of Class 1 other than those of compatibility group A, which are wetted with sufficient water, alcohol, or plasticizer to suppress explosive properties; and

(ii) Are specifically authorized by name either in the §172.101Table or have been assigned a shipping name and hazard class by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety under the provisions of—

(A) An exemption issued under subchapter A of this chapter; or

(B) An approval issued under § 173.56(i) of this part.

(2)(i) Self-reactive materials are materials that are thermally unstable and that can undergo a strongly exothermic decomposition even without participation of oxygen (air). A material is excluded from this definition if any of the following applies:

(A) The material meets the definition of an explosive as prescribed in subpart C of this part, in which case it must be classed as an explosive;

(B) The material is forbidden from being offered for transportation according to §172.101 of this subchapter or §173.21;

(C) The material meets the definition of an oxidizer or organic peroxide as prescribed in subpart D of this part, in which case it must be so classed;

(D) The material meets one of the following conditions:

(1) Its heat of decomposition is less than 300 J/g; or

(2) Its self-accelerating decomposition temperature (SADT) is greater than 75°C (167°F) for a 50 kg package; or

(E) The Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety has determined that the material does not